

Saint George

AND THE

DRAGON



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Diplomacy is inviting a turkey for Thanksgiving dinner and leaving him with the impression you're having steak.

No, guys, it seems Spring has not settled in here. I was amazed to read in this morning's paper that yesterday's high was 66 since at 2:00 in the afternoon, the radio reported the downtown temp at 49 and the official temp at the airport of 54. Since it never got any warmer, I begin to wonder about the records. In April, the last two weeks had high temperatures in the 40's, yet we were told that we averaged 4 degrees above normal. Average high for May is 69, so let's wait and see. I think the problem is that they compare the daily average, not the high and low; So a temperature that dips to 35 then climbs to 75 is reported as colder than one which stays at 56. We all believe that, don't we.

It's the weekend of Qualifications for the 500 mile race. The constant rain hasn't allowed any qualifications yesterday, and today looks to be the same, only colder. That has not, however, stopped the local stations from presenting their scheduled half hours of "Today at the Track". It's just stopped them from having anything to say during those half hours. Since the race is a good provider of revenue for the city I suppose I shouldn't complain, but it seems like over-rated hype to me. Do you realize they spend about four hours, drive 500 miles and wind up where they start? Pointless.

Anyway, I want to mention that game openings are still available. I have two people signed up for the next game. Game Fee is still 1.00 plus sub. The latest game starts this issue. Good luck guys.

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SAINT GEORGE SPEAKS

A Digression

As regular readers and subbers may have suspected, I am interested in monsters. But, unsurprisingly to my mind, I do not go to the movies to watch any of the new monster films, nor do I watch them on television.

There is something lacking in Godzilla. A jet-propelled turtle such as Gamera is merely laughable. Perhaps with time, the television studios or the movies will create a new monster worthy of the name, but with the possible exception of King Kong, which did not interest me, they haven't done it yet.

The really exceptional monsters, the ones that strike a chord somewhere within us, turn up again and again in literature: the Gorgon, Cyclops, the Sphinx. Those were mythic creations which appeared again and again and built up a body of tradition.

Recent times have yielded two more monsters, one of which doesn't have too much appeal in my mind, the Werewolf. The lycanthrope of various guises pervades much a modern fantasy literature. The other has much fascination. I am speaking of course of the Vampire.

The Vampire, unlike the other monsters, is an attractive creature. In fact, it is only recently that modern authors and screenwriters are beginning to appreciate the erotic attraction of the Vampire.

Anne Rice's Interview with the Vampire is a skillful combination of attraction and repulsion. There is a sincere attempt to understand the Vampire's situation. What it means to be undead and undying. The Vampire attempts to satisfy his blood lust with animals, but comes to the realization that the choosing of a victim, and the draining of her blood, is more than an act of hunger. The story is so well done that I hesitate to describe any more of it lest I spoil it for you. If you have any interest in the horror genre, I suggest you read this book, even if you don't normally read fantasy...neither do I.

And of course this is leading up to something else. PBS has recently broadcast a new version of Dracula. The book, by Bram Stoker, is excellent and has lost none of its power. The same can't be said for Frankenstein. I have seen Dracula played by four gentlemen: Bela Lugosi, Lon Chaney, Jack Palance, and the latest, Louis Jourdan. And surprise, surprise! Louis Jourdan is the best I have seen. (Prior to him it was Palance). PBS took three hours to present the show. It was shown here at 1:00 AM-4:00 am. I have heard the objection that Dracula was seen too many times standing in what appeared to be broad daylight (I maintain it was dawn). The objection proves my essential thesis.

Everyone knows that Vampires can't go out in the daylight, they're afraid of garlic; they cast no reflections in mirrors. (there's a good scene in Jourdan's Dracula in which he picks up a mirror and passes his hand over it to no effect) A whole body of tradition has built up about the Vampire, and each new story must take this into account. Anne Rice's book even explains why not every victim becomes a vampire.

A good monster is an enjoyable thing, a mixture of fear and attraction. Why can't Hollywood or television give us monsters like these instead of the latest dreadful, The Incredible Melting Man. (Incredible is right)

The complete complement of seven having been reached, we herewith begin a new game. A Boardman number has been requested, but not having been yet assigned, please refer to this game by the House Name: The Banshee until one is granted.

Winter, 1900 The Banshee 1978??

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I would like to remind Austria and Italy they still owe me a game fee of \$1.00 each. House Rules should be included for those who have not played before. If they are not, please let me know. We wish all the players a good game.

DEADLINE FOR SPRING, 1901 IS JUNE 10, 1978 12 NOON CDT

1976E

Medusa

Fall, 1912



Medusa

THERE IS NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN

Austria (McArdle) F BLA H, A MOS S A LVN, A LVN H, A PRU H,
A WAR S A PRU, A BOH S A SIL, A SIL H, A TYO H, A MAR H,
A PIE S A MAR

England(Kelly) F SPA(SC) S A BUR-mar, F POR S F SPA(SC),
A GAS S A BUR-mar, A BUR-mar, F IRI-mao, F MAO-wes,
F ENG S F IRI-mao, F BRE S F IRI-mao, A RÜH S German
A MUN, F BAL S German A BER, A FIN S German A STP,
F NWY S German A STP

**Germany(Gohen) A MUNICH, A KIEV, A MUM, A BERLIN, A MUM,
A STP H**

Italy(Drews) F LYO S Austrian A MAR, F NAF S F WES, F WES H,
F TYN H, F ION H, A ARM H, A ROM H

The draw was defeated. CAPS Denote final resting place of unit; Underlined orders cannot be carried out.

ANSWER The answer is 1000. The first two digits of the product are 10.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

1976R

Medusa

1912

AUSTRIA: ank, bud, mar, mos, rum, srb, sev, tri, vies
war.....10, even

ENGLAND: bel, bre, den, edi, hel, lvp, lon, nwy, par,
por, spa, swe....12. even

GERMANY: ber. kie. mun. str..... 4. even

ITALY bul, com, gre, nap, nap, rom, smy, tun, ven.... 8, build 1.
was 1 short

If there is no change in the net number of supply centers, this game will be declared a draw during Fall, 1914. Until that time, those who want to submit standing moves, to be used from season to season, may do so. If a new draw is proposed before that time, players will have to vote on it or it will not pass.

***** DEADLINE FOR WINTER, 1912 & SPRING, 1913 IS JUNE 10, 1978 12NOON CDT *****

1976IF

Leviathan

Spring, 1908

NAUGHTY, NAUGHTY!

Austria(Nurse) A vie-GAL, A BOH S A vie-GAL, A rum-BUL,
 A SRB S A rum-BUL, A bud-RUM, A SEV S A bud-RUM
 France(Gable) F nwg-NAT, A MAR-pie, A LVP H, A EDI H,
 F mao-POM, F bre-MAO, F SPA(SC) S F bre-MAO, F WES-lye
 Germany(Berch) F kie-HOL, A ber-MUN, A mun-BUN, A swe-NWY,
 F NTH wonders if it shouldn't be doing something,
A bwy-STP, F eng-BRE, A SIL S A ber-MUN, A war-UKE,
 A MOS S Austrian A SEV
 Italy(Beyerlein) F con-ANK, F aeg-SMY, A TYO S Austrian
 A BOH, A PIE-mar, F rom-TUS, F TYN-lye, F NAF-wes
 Russia(McLendon) A ARM-sev, F BLA S A ARM-sev

Underlined orders cannot be carried out. CAPS denote final resting place of unit.

 DEADLINE FOR FALL, 1908 IS JUNE 10, 1978 12 NOON CDT

1976IF PRESS--

Budapest: There was much weeping in the streets when the mobilization orders for Austrian 6th Army were announced. The cream of Austria's motherhood streamed from the kitchens, the nurseries and the bedrooms to protect it with abusive language not heard since the inception of the war.

"You fat toads", "Government bureaucracy", "Incipient Fascist wife-beaters," and "Recessive homosexual civil servants" were just some of these phrases. The ministry of defense found all its exits blocked with infants, with notes like "You want theseas well?" and "You want 'em, you can have 'em," attached to them. They have become quite an embarrassment, as Italian ambassadors have had to repeat things three times before they could be understood over the bawling. The Minister has threatened to call in riot police if the crowd has not dispersed by midnight.

Berlin: REPORT TO THE KAISER

Recent intelligence presents a balanced picture of the diplomatic style of the Austrian leader. He characterizes Diplomacy as "the place for good dirty fun." (emphasis added) While the Kaiser considers himself a noble ally of the Austrian, it should be noted that the Austrian feels that "noble allies...is not a playing style I would recommend without reservation." He underscores this stating that "nobility does not always cut it." We must conclude that this was intended as a veiled warning to His Kaisership, as his name has appeared recently in the same zine (Fol Si Fie) as the above information appeared.

If thus appears necessary that certain defensive measures not inconsistent with the recent concorde be taken. Specifically, units must be ordered to Ukraina and St.Petersburg. As neither issue was raised

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1976BA

The Basilisk

Winter, 1911

Austria: builds A BUD

France: builds F BRE

Germany: A kie R HOL

Russia: F con R BLA, A war R PRU

Spring, 1912

STEP BY STEP.....

Austria(Hessel) A BUD-rum, F WES H, A bur-MAR, A MUN-ber,
A TYO S A BOH-mun, A BOH-mun, A SIL S A WAR, A WAR H,
A GAL S A WAR, A UKR S A RUM-sev, A RUM-sev, F aeg-COM,
F BUL(SC) S F aeg-COM, A con-ANK, A SMY S A con-ANK,
F eas-ION

England(Rogowski) F NWG-nwy, A Kie S Austrian A MUN-ber(nsu)
F KIE (U) H

France(McLendon) F bre-ENG, F LON-nth, F mao-IRI, A gas-SPA,
A par-BUR

Germany(Mann II) A EDI S A hol-YOR, F NTH G A hol-YOR,
A hol-YOR

Russia(Anderson) F SWE-nwy, F BLA-sev, A LVN-war, A BEL H,
F ARM S F BLA-sev, A PRU S A LVN-war, A MOS S A LVN-war,
F BER S A PRU

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of unit.

DEADLINE FOR FALL, 1912 IS JUNE 10, 1978 12 NOON CDT

1976BA PRESS--

Germany: The German and English Rulers hereby decided to exchange
homelands and play by Grand Tournament Diplomacy Rules. England
hereby becomes the Empire of the Rhineland.

1976IF PRESS(Continued from page 5)

in the recent discussion, it must be assumed that such moves are not
unacceptable. Whether the continuing presence will be allowed in the
Ukraine is another matter entirely, and it seems likely that an
insistence on its removal in the Fall will be forthcoming. It is
further recommended that all obligations made by the Kaiser in that
meeting be kept, in accordance with accepted procedures.

1976JW

The Phoenix

Fall, 1908

(Last issue—the Italian move: A vie-tyo(d, r_gal, otb)
was omitted. The players were notified by postcard.)

HEAD 'EM OFF AT THE PASS!

France(Machir) F stp(nc)-BAR, A nwy-STR, A YOR H,
F spa(sc)-LYO, F mao-SPA(SC). F WES S P NAF-tun,
F NAF-tun, A GAS H, A MAR H

Germany(Bunke) F swe-BAL, F nth-HEL, F edi-NTH, A boh-MUN,
A vie-tri(d., r boh, gal, otb), A tus-VEN, A PIE S A tus-
VEN, A TYO S A tus-VEN

Italy(Mann II)(A vi-^R gal, a) A TRI S A bud-VIE, A ROM S
A ven, A RUM-sev, A BUL-rum, F CON H, F SMY S F CON,
A ven S A TRI(d, r apu, otb), A bud-VIE, F TYM S F ION-
tun, F ION-tun.

Russia(Gibson) A sil-BER, A ukr-MOS

Turkey(Staud)(A gum R gal, a) P BLA-sev, F ANK-con

Underlined orders cannot be carried out. CAPS denote final resting place of unit. Germany must retreat from Vienna; Italy must retreat from Venice. Those retreats will be due with Winter orders which may be made conditional upon them. There is a call for a draw between France and Germany, and between France, Germany, and Italy. If both pass the second will take precedence. Please vote with your Winter orders.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

1976JW

The Phoenix

1908

FRANCE: bel, bre, lvp, lon, mar, par, por, stp, spa.... 9, even

GERMANY: ~~bet~~, den, edi, hol, kie, mun, nwy, swe, VEN. 8, even

ITALY: bud. bul. cro. nap. rom. srb. smy. tri. tun.

✓✓✓. vise. COM. RUM...12. build 2.

1 annihilated

RUSSIA: mos, war, BEN..... 3, build 1

TURKEY: ank, con, xam, sev..... 2, even

2 annihilated

Since Italy has only one home center open, he will have to play one short. Russia has only one place to build; and there are only 2 retreats, so I think a request for separation of seasons should be unanimous before I will grant one. Keep in mind that you should always submit contingency orders in case the request doesn't pass.

DEADLINE FOR WINTER, 1908 & SPRING, 1909 is JUNE 10, 1978 12 NOON CDT

1976JW PRESS--

Mossy Cowbell: Wonder what all those German fleets are hurrying back home for! Isn't it a funny world?

1977CZ

Cerberus

Winter, 1905

(Last season the English move F cly-EDI was incorrectly reported. The actual move was F cdy-LVP. Also Italy had the additional option of retreating F ion-EAS. All players were notified by postcard and the adjudications and supply center chart were based on the correct move.)

Austria: removes A com
England: builds A LOM
Italy: F ion R TUN, builds F NAP

Russia: Builds F STP(NC)

WESTERN POWERS SUFFER SETBACK

Spring, 1906

Austria(Kehrer) A TYO S F adr-VEN, A TRI S F adr-VEN,
F adr-VEN, F ion-APU, F ALB-ion, A MUN-bur, A BOH-mum,
A RUH S Russian F kie-HOL
England(Machir) A ion-YON, F lvp-CLY, F hol-HEL, F BEL-hol
A PIC-bel, A PAR-pic
France(Fiack) F EDI S Russian F ska-NTH
Italy(Hunke) A BUR S English A PIC-bel, A PIE S A ven,
A ven h(d, r tus, rom, otb), F apu-ADR, F tun-ION,
F TYN S F tun-ION, F NAP S F tun-ION
Russia(Michalski) F stp(nc)-BAR, A NWY H, F DEN S F ska-NTH,
F ska-NTH, F kie-HOL, A ber-KIE, A war-SIL, A mos-STP,
A rum-SRB, F smy-EAS, F AEG S Austrian F ALB-gre(nso)

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DEADLINE FOR FALE, 1906 IS JUNE 10, 1978 12 NOON CDT

1977CZ PRESS--

England: His Royal Highness thanks the Czar for his kind note, but will remain true to his allies. Maybe things will work out better in the next life.

Vienna, Austria: Leisure Living News - The French have initiated a new tour phenomenon, called the Scottish Highland Fling Tour. The popularity of and demand for this tour has risen dramatically since its inception last summer. It is reported that travel agents in Moscow have been swamped with reservation requests for the Tour. The French Embassy in Moscow, which handles the visa requests, has had to send some of their business to their Embassy here in Vienna. Local government officials have provided the French Embassy additional floor space by giving them the vacated British Embassy building. Inquiries should be directed to the French Embassy.

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The Town Crier



From Bushwacker:

PENN-CON(June 23rd-25th), Chester, PA. For information and registration write to: Strategy & Fantasy Worlds, Valley Forge Shopping Center, King of Prussia, PA 19406.

DIPCON XI(June 30-July 2nd) Northridge, California. For registration write Russell Fox, 5160 Donna Ave, Tarzana, CA 91356.

ORIGINS IV(July 14th-16th) U of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. Write to Al Slisinger, 12554 Dresden, Detroit MI 48205.

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 Cliff Mann has asked me to announce the next issue of The Watergate will be mailed May 16, 1978. For details, or sample write: Cliff Mann II, 823 Marcy Ave. Apt. 101, Oxon Hill, MD 20021

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 WHY ME ? is a new zine being put out by Lee Kendter, 4347 Benner Street, Philadelphia, PA 19135. Lee has been in this hobby all the time I have been and I anticipate a reliable, regular zine with good GM'ing. GF 2.00 plus 1.00 refundable deposit and maintenance of a 10/3.50 sub. My game in this zine is already underway in its second issue(I'm Austria)

#####
 John Leeder of Rune Stone is running a North American Zine Poll and Gamemaster Poll. Rate all the North American Zines you receive on a scale of 1-10(10 being highest). Do the same with the GM's of games you are playing in (again 10 is highest) please sign your ballot and indicate you most recent relationship to the hobby, i.e. GM, Publisher, Player, Reader, Overbearing Egomaniac, etc... Mail to John Leeder, 1211 5th St. NW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2M 3B6. (Thanks to John Michalski of Brutus Bulletin and Jerry Jones of LDNS for notice of this Poll) I encourage players in Saint George and the Dragon to rate this zine and my abilities as GM. I would like to have a high rating, but I'd appreciate a fair one.

#####
 Steve McLendon of Dragon and the Lamb has openings in two games, one to be conducted with simultaneous commentary by Mark Berch, publisher of Diplomacy Digest(for Diplomacy Digest, which is a compendium of articles about Diplomacy write Mark at 492 Naylor Place, Alexandria, VA 22304) For Steve's games write him at Box 57066, Webster, TX 77598. GF 1.50 plus 12/4.00 sub plus 2.50 refundable deposit. I probably won't sign up since people in Steve's zines tend to stab me a lot. Tell Steve if you want to be in the game with commentary, or not.

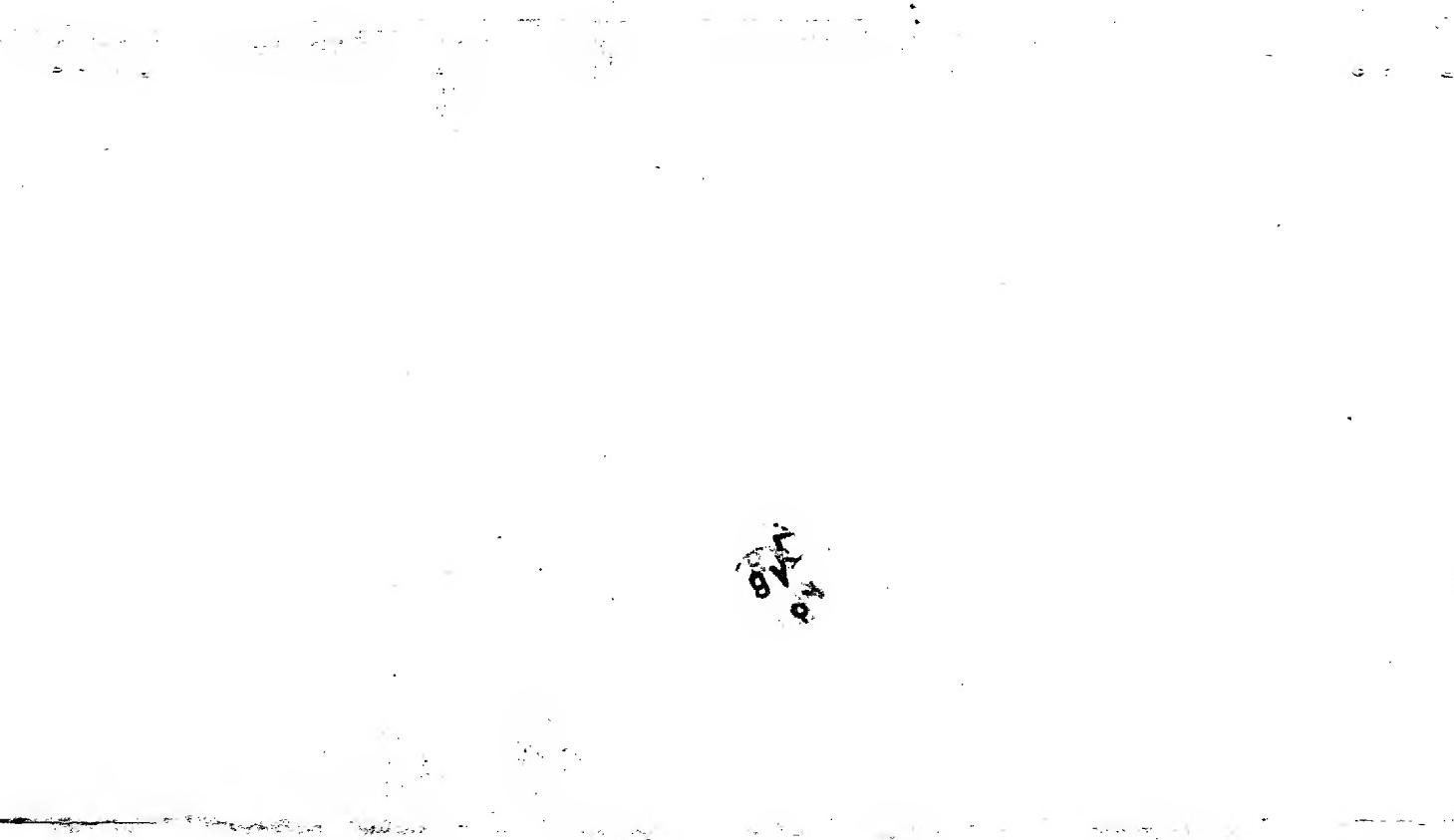
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 And don't forget, I have openings too.

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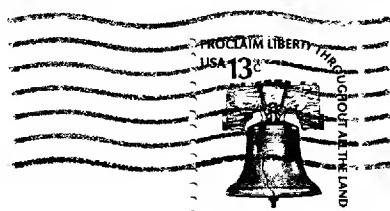
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